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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents, together with English-language abstracts are enclosed.

China 1119787 and Japan 5-43721 were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, which is dated May 26, 2006, is enclosed.

According to a commercial database, U.S. Patent No. 5,597,422 is in the same patent family as China 1119787.

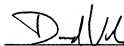
Japan 2001-358346, which was also cited in the Chinese Official Action, was previously cited in the August 24, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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